THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Central Government has been aware of the need to modernize the State Police forces to effectively deal with the armed cadres of naxalite groups.

(c) and (d) Under the Scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces, naxalite affected States are given focused attention and provided with the specialized weapons such as automatic rifles, grenade launchers, CGRL, communication equipment, training equipment, upgraded intelligence equipment, Mine Protected Vehicles etc.

Changes in functioning of Delhi Police

1580. SHR VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to make significant changes in Delhi Police Force regarding procuring State-of-the-art equipment, carving out new police districts, shifting of Police Headquarters, strengthening of intelligence network, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any study has been made to increase the rate of conviction which is presently comparatively low;

(c) whether present system of investigation is time and cost-effective; and

(d) whether the investigating officers are being given refresher courses to update their knowledge, skill, aptitude etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Procurement of new equipments, review of the number of districts and strengthening of intelligence network of Delhi Police is a continuing process. Delhi Police has approached land-owning agencies for transfer of land for construction of Police Headquarters, which is presently functioning from PWD building.

(b) No, Sir. The rate of conviction has increased from 43.98% in 2003 and 50.29% in 2004 to 54.31% in 2005 (upto 15th November).

(c) Investigation of each case is taken up as per procedures laid down in Cr.P.C. However, the investigation of some case gets delayed due to

delay in collection of evidences/clues; non-submission of timely reports by CFSL/FSL, non-availability of witnesses etc. It is not possible to generalize the time and cost in each case and these vary from case to case.

(d) Yes, Sir. Refresher courses for the investigating officers are conducted at Districts level, Police Training College, Jharoda Kalan and other institutions located in Delhi as well as in other places in India in order to update their knowledge, skill and aptitude.

Special cells to deal with terrorism in States

†1581. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments have special cells to deal with terrorist activities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) if not, whether Central Government propose to issue uniform directions in respect of setting up such special cells; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Almost all States/UTs have set up anti-terrorist Units/Cells/Task Forces with trained personnel, technical gadgetry including communication equipment and modern weaponry to effectively tackle the incidents of terrorism.

Infiltration of Nepali Maoists

1582. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been a sharp increase in the infiltration of Nepali Maoists into India during the last four months;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.